### MAILS.

Austin Stage arrives at 2 o'click p. m.; San Antonio Stage arrives at 12 o'clock w. Both Daily arrivals Mails northeast close at 11 A m; going west, close at 1, p. m. Gonzales arrives Tuesdays and Fridays at 5 p. m.; leaves at 8 A. m. next morning. A. Vom Sprain, P. M.

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### HOME NEWS.

We learn there is fine grass out on the Blanco.

SOMETHING to read, good hooks, papers, etc., always to be had at the FREE PRESS office.

THANKSGIVING (Thursday) was more honored this year than we have ever known it in Texas.

SER the new advertisement of Theo. Simon. He is first in the field with attractions for Christmas. Having seen them we pronounce them "splendid." Call and see them.

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Sept. 1st tf. WEATHER very much colder for a

few days past-mercury stood at about 24" on yesterday morning-ice nearly an inch in thickness.

A MAN called on us yesterday soliciting contributions for the burial of another, who he said had just died of pneumonia while on the way from Austin.

SEE prospectus of that standard paper, the Scientific American. We order it, or club it with the FREE PRESS at reduced rates.

## We Need, and Must Have Mon-

Those who know themselves to be indebted to us, will please call on Messrs Kone & Coffield, and settle at once, if they wish to save cost.

DEVINEY & MARKLEY.

Nov. 31m.

Ir gives us pleasure to be able to acknowledge the receipt of a goodly number of new subscriptions during the reast week. Let the good work of renewing and adding to the FREE PRESS list go ou-"the more the merrier" for all concerned.

NICE PIG.-County Treasurer Mc-Means, this week slaughtered a pig,

### LOST!

### CHILD'S BLUE CLOAK.

Reasonable reward will be paid for same if left at Mitchell, Glover & Co's C. C. MITCHELL. Bank.

Now is the time to decide what newspapers and periodicals you will take for the coming year. You can get the leading ones at reduced rates by clubbing with the FREE PRESS. See our Clubbing List in another column. and make you selections.

ALL persons knowing themselves indebted to D. R. Cocreham & Co., will please come forward and make settle ment. They are about making a change in their business, and must have what is due them.

WOOD WANTED .- We want a few loads of good wood from such of our subscribers as may consider it to their advantage to pay in that way. The scarcity of money need not interfere with payments in wood.

### THANKSGIVING DAY.

ZOPHTRS AND FLANNELS.

#### Ferronal.

I. C. Wootton writes us from Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansus, ordering a copy of the FREE PRESS.

Capt. Ragsdale is substituting his old worm fence" along San Autonio street by a handsome new one of plank. Capt. Ragsdale boasts of an extraordinary fine crop of sweet potatoes. pro

duced on his home place, notwithstanding the drought.

Prof. Eve, we are glad to learn, has taken the Stringtown Academy school and will open it on Monday. He will continue to reside at this place.

Alex. Trimble, of Brown County Illinois, called on us this week. He expects to spend the winter here. He reports great interest in Texas in that State.

Mr. Frazer has bought a car load of horses to take to Alabama "on speculation." "Dexter, Jr.," we understand prices, or club with the Fara Parss is one of the number, and thus closes his adventurous career in San Marcos

Col. Polk, of the Travis House, offers for sale one of the noted "San Marcos Grays," formerly owned by Mr. Frazer. As everybody knows, they are very fine, large and valuable American work horses.

Through oversight we failed last week to notice the return of our friend D. S. Combs from Kansas, where he went with a drove of horses last spring. He returned home about two weeks since, in good health. He says he Littell's Living A found cattle in better demand than horses.

We accidentally failed last week to mention a call we received from our worthy townsman, Mr. Gullett, who has been absent for some months at his new possessions in Edwards County He is in fine health and reports the stock business promising and the county improving where he has been.

Judging from the fine pictures he has lately been purchasing from us, and some other symptoms, we shrewdly surmise that our bachelor friend Mr. Scott, of Pleasant Grove Prairie, is lay ing siege to the heart of some fair lady May his wooing be successful, and may the FREE PRESS soon have the pleasure of publishing his marriage notice.

Our live young cotemporary, Steph eason, of the Seguin Times, spent some days in our town this week, stopping at the Travis House. He is selling county rights to a superior washing machine, as be claims, and attending to outside business connected with his paper, and we shrewdly suspect, some incidental "sparking."

Our venerable friend, Capt. Lawshe. has some distinguished friends and correspondents. He showed us the other day a letter he received from Chief Justice Merriwether, of Georgia. an old political associate. We have Calculations, Lectures on Business heretofore mentioned that Simon Cam- Subjects; with privilege of review at eron was a youthful compeer of Capt. any time. Lawshe's, and still sends him an occa sional remembrance. They are about Means, this week slaughtered a pig, should be same age, but the Captain says he sixteen months old, which weighed the same age, but the Captain says he ling.

Either or both the above will be sold. no longer fears having to share in Simon's late experience-being sued for breach of marriage promise.

> WRITING SCHOOL -G. W. Hensley, recen'ly from Indianapolis, and who conducted the branch of Bryant & subscriber who remits to this paper Stratton's Commercial College at that city, proposes to teach a class in pen manship in this place He bears testimonials as to character from leading monials as to character from leading citizens of Indianapolis, well know to us by reputation; while the specimens of his skill are a sufficient recommendation of his qualifications as a teacher of permanship. In passing we will menpermanship. In passing we will mention that he carried off the blue ribbon tion that he carried off the blue ribbon tory. It will be sent, postage free, on at the late Austin Fair. He will teach or about December 1st, 1877. classes as follows: Free School House from 7 to 9 p. m.; Institute from 3 to 5 p. m. Will begin Tuesday afternoon next. Terms for twenty lessons, \$2,50 -only one half his customary charges We trust this admirable opportunity for acquiring a proficiency in the beautiful art of penmanship will be imroved as it should be by our people.

this office

### Maguaines for the Month.

We are in receipt of the current issues of the following :

Scribper's Illustrated Monthly, published by Scribner & Co., 743 Broadway, New York, at \$4. a year.

St. Nicholas, for the young folks, same publishers. \$3.

The Galaxy. Sheldon & Co., 8 Murray street, New York, \$4.

Lippincott's Magazine, J. B. Lippincott & Co., 715 and 717 Market St. Philadelphia, 84.

The Phrenological Journal, S. R. Wells & Co., 737 Broadway, New York, price reduced to \$2. a year,

Ballou's Monthly, Thomes & Talbot, 23 Hawley street, Boston, \$1.50.

The above are all good numbers of worthy publications. Now is the right time to subscribe by the year. We will order any of them at publishers' at reduced rates.

### Our Clubbing List for 1878.

We are prepared to c'ub the FREE Paras to new or renewing aubscribers with the following publications at the rates specified below, if ordered at the same time with our paper. In the first column we give the regular price of each publication singly, in the second the price of the same and the FREE PRESS together:

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